(b) how far these suggestions have led to improvement in the existing activities of Air India in these spheres; and

(c) the reaction of the Air India and his Ministry thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) The Adviser to the previous CMD, Air India had submitted reports on the various assignments given to him. The reports related to performance monitoring with special reference to the Engineering Department, Cabin Cleaning, airport Services and Inflight Services Departments.

(b) and (c) The suggestions made in these reports have been examined. and action taken wherever necessary.

Service regulations of Air India

2511. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 229 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th November, 1991 and state the date on which the Service Regulations of Air India were laid on the Table of the House ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : There was no requirement to place Air India Employee Service Regulations before Parliament when they were orginally notified. Subsequently after amendment to Air Corporations Act, 1953, in 1982, amendment to Air India Employees Service Regulations, as and when necessary, have been laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament. For example, five amendments, which were gazetted in 1988 were laid on the table of the Lok Sabha in December, 1988.

Luxury cars purchased by Air India

2512. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has recently purchased some new imported cars which were got air-conditioned;

(b) if so, the total expediture incurred on these cars and the necessity for their purchase during the present financial stringeiicy and to which use these are being put to;

(c) whether he is aware that all these cars are being used by the higher executives the Air India and all these trips are being logged as 'official' ; and

(c) if so, whether he will have the matter investigated and prevent such misuse of cars in the Air India ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Expansion in Indian Airlines

2513. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Airlines have expanded its capacity ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Indian Airlines have any plan for further expansion of its capacity during the Eighth Plan ; and

(d) if so, the details threof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In its winter schedule effective 1st November, 1991, Indian Airlines has increased utilisation of A-310 aircraft and augmented capacity on many routes. It has introduced new links on ten routes and increased capacity on thirty routes. This has helped to provide additional 4500 seats every day.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines has placed orders for delivery of 12 Air bus A-320 aircraft during the period from 1992-93 to 1994-95.

International Tourism Day

2514. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the functions, exhibitions or tourism melas organised to celebrate the International Tourism Day on September 27, 1991 ; and

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Several functions were organised to celebtrate the world TourismiDaylpn 27September , 1991.

These include 1 cultural programes, facilitaion of international tourists at various entry paints, press publicity, distribution of leterature, discounted tours, etc.

(b) No specific funds were earmarked for World Tourism Day. However, Department of Tourism's field offices undertook activities for the occasion for which expenditure was incurred from the overall Tourism Promotion Budget.

Aircraft grounded for servicing and repairs during agitation by maintenance engineers

2515. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what steps were taken to keep the Indian Airlines fleet going during the agitation of maintains; engineers in September, October, 1991; and

(b) what is the number of different types of aircraft which were grounded or sent to hangars for servicing and repairs and for what period ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Aircraft Maintenance Engineers of Indian Airlines had resorted to a "go slow" in September and October, 1991. The operations were maintained by utilising, where necessary, the services of Executive Engineers.

(b) As on 15-10-1991 there were 15 aircraft on ground for servicing and repairs for period ranging between one day and 453 days.

Articles available at duty free shops

2516. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question 254 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th December, 1991 and state :

(a) what goods are available at the duty free shops at major airports in the country;

(b) whether persons other than passegers can buy articles from these duty free shops ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) The duty freeshaps operated by ITDC at the international airports of Delhi, Bombay, Culcutta Madras and Thiruvananthapuram sell various imported items like liquor cigarettes, cigars, tobacco and pipes, cigarette lighters, watches, perfumes, cameras and films, electronic goods, home appliances, toys and gifts, luggage ware, food items, confectionery etc, and some selected Indian goods, including handicrafts,.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) The items in the duty free shops are sold in foreign exchange. Therefore, only bonafide international passengers departing/arriving /transiting on inter national flights are allowed to buy goods from these duty free shops.

देश में उत्पादित राख-युक्त कोयला

2517. डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :
श्री रणजीत सिंह :

क्या कोयला मंत्री 25-11-1991 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 270 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में कोयला उद्योग का राष्ट्रीयकरण 1972 में किया गया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस समय देश में 17 प्रतिशत राख और इससे कम प्रतिशत राख युक्त कोयले की कितनी मात्रा का उत्पादन किया जाता था ; और

(ग) वर्ष 1990-91 में देश में 17 प्रतिशत और इससे कम राख-युक्त कोयले का कितना उत्पादन हुआ है ?

कोयला मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री एस० बी० नयमेगौडा) : (क) कोककर कोयला (राष्ट्रीयकरण) अधिनियम, 1972 को वर्ष 1972 में पास किया गया था । कोयला खान (राष्ट्रीयकरण) अधिनियम, 1973 को वर्ष 1973 में पास किया गया था ।

(ख) और (ग) 1971-72 में उत्पादित कोयले की कुल मात्रा 72.06 मिलियन टन थी, जिसमें से 11.48 मिलियन टन कोयले में राख की मात्रा 17% से कम थी । 1990-91 में